



**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

21 MAR 1961

Mrs. Robert P. Patterson

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for sending me the revised paper on the Office for Specialized Resources.

[redacted] had of course advised me of his conversation with you and the substance of your proposal as you had developed it up to the time of your conversation with him. I am glad that you found some of his general suggestions helpful.

As I believe he explained to you, your proposal covers a subject outside the scope of this Agency. However, I do appreciate your keeping us advised of the further development of the idea.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: DDCI

Signature Recommended:

Deputy Director (Plans)

16 March 61)

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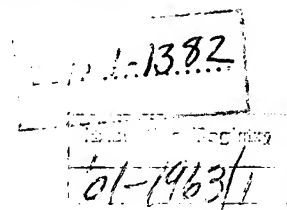
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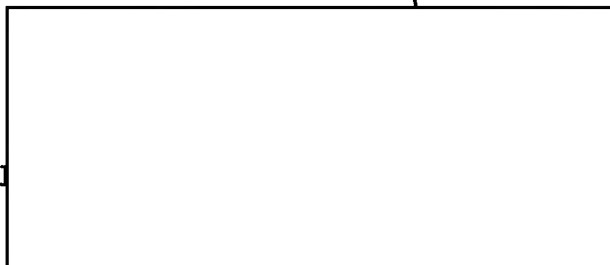
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply to Letter dated 8 March 1961  
From Mrs. Robert P. Patterson

This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI.

It is suggested that the DCI sign the attached letter to Mrs. Robert P. Patterson, in reply to her letter of 8 March 1961 regarding her proposal for an Office for Specialized Resources.



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cc: DDCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

Mrs. Patterson called me on Friday, 17 March regarding her proposal to establish an Office for Specialized Resources and she wanted to know if we had any further suggestions on this. I mentioned that we were working on a reply to her which she should receive very shortly. She said that she had heard you were going to speak in Puerto Rico on 17 April and she wondered if you would say something about her proposal in your talk. I told her that I would bring this to your attention.

Mrs. Patterson is the widow of former Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. *AMZ*

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MEMORANDUM FOR:



SUBJECT:

Meeting with Mrs. Patterson

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At Mrs. Patterson's request I met with her today and delivered a copy of DCI's letter of 21 March to her.

She has been in touch with Walter Raleigh, Executive Director of the Young Presidents' Organization, to get him to include her "plan" on the agenda of a conference of that organization in Puerto Rico. April 12-16. Noting that the DCI is going to attend at least part of that conference, she wants to know whether he would be willing to participate in an informal off-the-record round-table discussion of the substance of her plan with selected members of the YPO.

I told her I would find out and let her know. I said I did not know what DCI's schedule is but I was sure that he would not want to discuss those aspects of her plan which have to do with its structuring within the U. S. Government. She said that it would be most satisfactory if he would be willing to discuss the general substance of her plan. At the risk of further obscuring an already very vague plan, I would say that she is trying to talk about the need for better U. S. psychological offensive in the cold war.

For your information she has recently talked (for seven minutes) with George McGhee in the State Department, Herbert Waters in ICA, and James Webb in NASA. Webb advised her to ask Mr. Caulkins of the Brookings Institute and Don Price at the Littauer School at Harvard to attend the YPO Conference in Puerto Rico.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

I thought perhaps that you would like to see the attached memorandum from [ ] who saw Mrs. Patterson again this week.

Mrs. Patterson came down to Washington on 21 March and when she saw [ ] she mentioned that she would like to have a copy of your letter delivered to her while she was here in town. As you will note, you signed the letter to her on 21 March and it was sent to her New York address.

For your information, I am attaching a copy of your 21 March letter to her and a summary of her proposal.

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